Centres in Orissa *viz.*, Orissa State Museum in Bhubaneswar and 'SARASVATI' in Bhadrak as nodal agencies. The Conservation work is done through the INTACH Orissa Art Conservation Centre, Bhubaneswar, AITIHYA, Bhubaneswar and Sambalpur University, Sambalpur. Further, the Pilot National Survey of Manuscripts was carried out in thirty districts of Orissa in November 2004 which located around 18,000 repositories and 3.5 lakh manuscripts. The National Manuscripts Mission has also initiated action for the digitization of the valuable illustrated palm leaf manuscripts of Orissa.

Tourism development projects

2365. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) had committed for tourism development projects in India as per the agreement signed between her Ministry, Department of Economic Affairs and UNDP on 15th July, 2003;

(b) if so, how many projects have been running at present, State-wise and;

(c) the quantum of funds spent and the funds to be allocated for this projects?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) The Government of India and United Nations Development Programme have signed an agreement for the development of endogenous tourism. Under this, UNDP has agreed for grant of a sum of US$ 2.5 million for development of Endogenous Tourism.

(b) The project is in operation in 36 rural sites spread across 20 States. Details of the projects sanctioned State-wise are enclosed as Statement. (*See* below)

(c) The Expenditure till date is as follows:

2003	US$ 43893
2004	US$ 946861
2005	US$ 600081

The balance US$ 9,09,165 will be spent in 2006 and 2007.

Statement

Statewise tourism projects sanctioned during the last one year under GOI-UNDP endogeneous tourism project (capacity building) scheme of the Ministry of Tourism are as follows

(Rs. in lakh)

State		Name of the Project	Name of Distt.	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1. Andhra Pradesh	1	Pochampalli	Nalgonda	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	2	Srikalahasti	Chittoor	2004-05	19.80	15.84
2. Assam	3	Durgapur,	Golaghat	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	4	Sualkuchi	Kamrup	2004-05	19.95	15.96
3. Bihar	5	Nepura	Nalanda	2004-05	20.00	16.00
4. Chhattisgarh	6	Chitrakote,	Bastar	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	7	Nagarnar,	Bastar	2004-05	20.00	16.00
5. Gujarat	8	Hodka	Kachchh	2004-05	20.00	16.00
6. Haryana	9	Jyotisar,	Kurukshetra	2004-05	20.00	16.00
7. Himachal Pradesh	10	Naggar,	Kullu	2004-05	20.00	16.00
8. Karnataka	11	Banavasi	Uttara Kannada	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	12	Anegundi	Koppal	2005-06	20.00	16.00
9. Kerala	13	Kumbalangi	Ernakulam	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	14	Arnamula,	Pathanamthitta	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	15	Kalady (Spice Circuit)	Ernakulam	2005-06	10.00	08.00
	16	Anakkara (Spice Circuit)	Idukki	2005-06	10.00	08.00
10. Madhya Pradesh	17	Pranpur	Ashok Nagar	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	18	Chaugan,	Mandla	2004-05	20.00	16.00
11. Maharashtra	19	Sulibhanjan-Khultabad	Aurangabad	2004-05	20.00	16.00
12. Orissa	20	Raghurajpur,	Puri	2004-05	20.00	17.60
	21	Pipli	Puri	2004-05	20.00	16.00
13. Punjab	22	Rajasansi	Amritsar	2004-05	20.00	16.00
14. Rajasthan	23	Neemrana,	Alwar	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	24	Samode	Jaipur	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	25	Haldighati	Rajsamand	2004-05	19.32	15.45
15. Sikkim	26	Lachen	North Distt.	2004-05	20.00	16.00
16. Tamil Nadu	27	Kazhugumalai	Thoothukudi	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	28	Karaikudi,	Sivaganga	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	29	Kombai (Spice Circuit)	Theni	2005-06	10.00	08.00
	30	Thadiyankudisai (Spice Circuit)	Dindigul	2005-06	10.00	08.00

State		Name of the Project	Name of Distt.	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
17. Tripura	31	Kamlasagar,	West Tripura	2004-05	20.00	16.00
18. Uttaranchal	32	Jageshwar,	Almora	2005-06	20.00	16.00
	33	Mana	Chamoli	2004-05	20.00	16.00
19. Uttar Pradesh	34	Bhaguwala	Saharanpur	2004-05	19.75	15.50
20. West Bengal	35	Ballabhpur Danga,	Birbhum	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	36	Mukut-monipur	Bankura	2004-05	20.00	16.00
TOTAL					678.82	544.35

Different pricing regime for foreign tourists

2366. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a differential pricing regime is being practiced for the visiting foreign tourists to India, in as much as foreigners need to pay more for checking into a hotel, for air travel or subscribing to periodicals or even to visit monuments;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the justification for continuing with the prevailing practice, especially in view of the incentives being offered to lure in foreigners and the cash-rich expatriates; and

(c) the details of steps being taken, if any, to remove the discrimination the foreigners are subjected to?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Indian nationals and foreigners are being charged different tariffs by some hotels, airlines and for entry into some monuments. The issue of purchasing power parity between Indians and citizens of developed countries has to be kept in view as far as entry tariff to monuments are concerned.

(c) Tariff of hotels and airlines are subject to market trends. However, Government of India has been taking up the subject of dual tariff with the tourism industry in various forums.